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Recreation access improves at Corps' Dworshak Dam

Orofino, Idaho —Early spring visitors to the reservoir above Dworshak Dam should start thinking about getting the boat and the fishing tackle ready because seasonal changes have begun, according a recreation official from the Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"The Merry's Bay day use area and the recreational vehicle parking area located along the road to the Big Eddy marina are now open for springtime use. The boat ramp at Dent Acres will be open to the public on March 8, for early season anglers," said Paul Pence, the Corps' parks manager at Dworshak. "We're looking forward to a great spring and summer here at Dworshak and we look forward to having the public come visit these facilities in beautiful northern Idaho."

Anglers should note there are several changes to the popular fishing location below the powerhouse. Security concerns require visitors to park outside the posted entrance gate and walk into the area to go fishing. Drivers displaying current handicapped access passes for their vehicles may proceed through the gate and park closer to the fishing area in the designated locations. Alcohol consumption is now prohibited in the area as well.

The "A" road access to Bruce's Eddy and Viewpoint Road to the Dworshak Visitor Center are open to the public Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Boaters launching from Bruce's Eddy are advised to return to the boat ramp prior to closing time to avoid the inconvenience of being locked in. The top of the dam remains closed to all vehicle and foot traffic. Springtime visitors are urged to use caution and wear their lifejackets when on or near the water.

For further information about the recreation opportunities at Dworshak Dam and Reservoir, call the natural resources staff, at (208) 476-1255.

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